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In re application of Jeffrey S. Haggard

Serial No.: 09/529,391

Examiner: Yao, S.

Confirmation No.:

Art Unit: 1733

Filed: June 6, 2000

For: Method and Apparatus for In-Line Splitting of Plural Component Fibers and Formation of Nonwoven Fabrics

Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE

Enclosed are the following documents in response to the Office Action mailed February 21, 2002 for the above-identified application:

- ☒ Amendment/Response
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ Request for Approval of Drawing Changes
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Notice of Appeal
- ☐ Associate Power
- ☐ Revocation and New Power
- ☐ Change of Address
- ☐ Return receipt postcard
- ☒ Check No. 6870 in the amount of \$375.00 for the RCE fee
- ☒ Other: Two (2) Declarations Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 and Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

The fee has been calculated as follows:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR CLAIMS	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	20	100	0	x \$9.00	00.00
Independent Claims	1	3	0	x \$42.00	00.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00					00.00
Total Amendment Fee					00.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims Small Entity Status (subtract 50% of Total Application Fee)					
Other fees: (specify) Request for Continued Examination (RCE)					375.00
TOTAL FEE DUE					375.00

- ☒ A check for the total fee is attached.
- ☐ Please charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 05-0460 for the total fee. This paper is being submitted in duplicate.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

Dated: May 21, 2003

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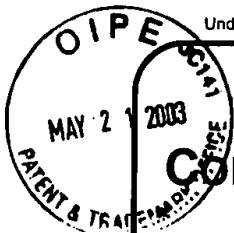
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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First Named Inventor	Jeffrey S. Haggard
Group Art Unit	1733
Examiner Name	Yao, S.
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 05-0460
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 375.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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